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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

VAN DOREN ET AL.

Examiner

Christine Ng

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 May 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 May 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,751,219 to Lipp et al.

Referring to claim 1, Lipp et al disclose in Figures 7-9 a method for decomposing a multicast transaction (Figure 8A or 9) into multicast messages (Figures 8B-8D) directed to targeted nodes (Figure 7, egress ports 20-25) of a distributed shared memory multiprocessor system (Figure 7), the multicast transaction (Figure 8A or 9) issued by a source node (Figure 7, egress ports 20-25) of the system to acquire data stored on a home node (Figure 7, ingress port 10) of the system. Refer to Column 9, lines 15-33. The method comprises the steps of:

Apportioning the multicast transaction (Figure 8A or 9) into a predetermined number (4) of multicast packets (specified in Figure 8B, destination fields 80 or Figure 9, multicast domain ID 90) at a global port of the home node (Figure 7, ingress port 10). Ingress port 10 attaches a header 70 to each multicast packet, which includes a predetermined number (4) of multicast packets specified in the destination fields 80 or

multicast domain ID 90. Refer to Column 9, line 37 to Column 10, line 3 and Column 10, line 66 to Column 11, line 9.

Forwarding the multicast packets (specified in Figure 8B, destination fields 80 or Figure 9, multicast domain ID 90) to a central switch fabric (Figure 7, switch fabric 28). interconnecting nodes (Figure 7, ingress ports and egress ports). As shown in Figure 7, Ingress port 10 forwards a multicast packet 12 to a random node 38 within switch fabric 38. Refer to Column 9, lines 15-33.

Generating the multicast messages (Figures 8B-8D) from the packets (specified in Figure 8B, destination fields 80 or Figure 9, multicast domain ID 90) at the central switch fabric (Figure 7, switch fabric 28), the multicast messages (Figures 8B-8D) generated according to multicast decomposition (Column 10, lines 37-46) and ordering rules (Column 9, lines 40-48). As shown in Figure 7, random node 38 within switch fabric 38 replicates the multicast packet 12 and produces multiple copies 14 of the packet 12. Refer to Column 9, line 15 to Column 10, line 47.

Distributing the multicast messages (Figures 8B-8D) to targeted nodes (Figure 7, egress ports 20-25). As shown in Figure 7, multicast packets 14 are distributed to egress ports 20-25. Refer to Column 9, lines 15-33 and Column 10, lines 27-28,

***Allowable Subject Matter***


3. Claims 2-4 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

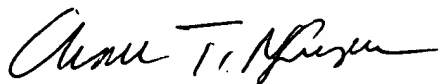
**Conclusion**

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christine Ng whose telephone number is (571) 272-3124. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F; 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chau Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-3126. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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